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REMARKS

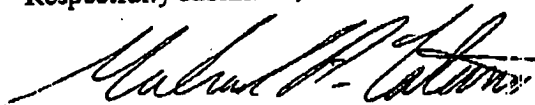
Claims 1-3 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 U.S. Patent Number 6,669,578 and claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent Number 6,648,773. Terminal Disclaimers for U.S. Patent Number 6,669,578 and U.S. Patent Number 6,648,773 are filed herewith.

The claims have not been amended and therefore a listing of the claims is not included in this amendment.

It is believed that the claims 1-3 are now allowable. The Applicant therefore respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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